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1. Tab 244 contains Memo - Noth dated 17 Apr 1968.

2. (4) Previously denied in toto under exemption(s) (b)(1)(b)(3)(b)(6) of FOIA

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3. Further description, identification, comments, and/or referrals, etc.

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